

**MINUTES**  
**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**August 5, 2021**

**Meeting conducted via Zoom video conferencing.** Handouts were emailed August 3, 2021 to include: (1) Agenda; (2) Minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting and (3) WRATS Project Status Report.

Ms. Jessica Bird called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**ATTENDEES**

Jessica Bird

Harold Deal

According to Ms. Jessica Bird, a quorum was not present to approve the March 4, 2021 CAC meeting minutes. She said she would place the minutes on the agenda for the next CAC meeting in November.

**Share information on planning efforts in our area**

Ms. Jessica Bird announced that there are two planning efforts happening right now in the Middle Georgia region. She said the first one is the Houston County Joint Comprehensive Plan, which includes the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins. According to Ms. Bird, the Joint Comprehensive plan shapes growth, development, and improvement and is required for governments to become Qualified Local Governments in Georgia. She said interested individuals could complete a short survey at <https://tinyurl.com/HoustonCompPlan21>.

The Middle Georgia-Robins Air Force Base Sustainability Plan is also underway, stated Ms. Bird. She explained that this plan supports the long-term viability of Robins Air Force Base, and encourages future mission expansion and local growth. According to Ms. Bird, more information can be found on the project website at [www.robinsafb.com](http://www.robinsafb.com). She announced that the first public meeting is scheduled for today at 5:30 PM in the Georgia VECTR Center.

**Environmental Justice (EJ) data discussion**

Ms. Jessica Bird used a PowerPoint presentation to explain Environmental Justice (EJ) and the transportation disadvantaged population. She described the socioeconomic characteristics of minority, low-income, poverty, disability, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and no vehicle availability. Ms. Bird used maps, charts, and U.S. Census Bureau 2010-2014 and 2015-2019 ACS 5-year estimates to illustrate these socioeconomic characteristics for Houston and Peach Counties. She stated that effective transportation decision making requires understanding and addressing the unique needs of many different socioeconomic groups.

**Update on WRATS Project Status Report**

Ms. Jessica Bird explained that GDOT District 3 Planning and Programming Coordinator, Mr. Harland Smith, provided this project report for TCC members last week. The report includes project manager comments and Ms. Bird briefly reported on some of the projects.

There being no further business, Ms. Jessica Bird adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.